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**VIA EMAIL**

August 23, 2019

Chad Chapman  
Filed via MuckRock.com  
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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST**  
**FOIA FILE NO.: P515529**

Dear Chad Chapman:

On behalf of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) this letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by our office on August 16, 2019. After an extension notice emailed on August 19, 2019, CPD is now responding to your request seeking:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records: A copy of all records that would appear on a "Complaint for Search" between 2012 and the date of processing this request. As we do not have access to the names of data fields, we cannot provide a list of exact field names. Your agency has trivial access to this information (in contrast to the public), so we ask that your department spend the insignificant amount of time required to discover these data fields.

Search warrant information has been requested in the past by Lucy Parsons Labs in the past [1] and has most notably been found in the CLEAR database. I kindly ask that your agency expand the search beyond CLEAR, wherever relevant. As the statute allows, please provide me with an excel spreadsheet of these records.

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. Upon review it has been determined that your request is a duplicate of FOIA File Number P511193 answered on August 8, 2019, except that this request includes specific dates for which to provide information. Please be advised that the "Complaint for Search" is a court document prepared using word processing software, and not a CPD form containing data fields. Please note that CPD has no automated mechanism by which to query "Complaint for Search" court documents for data. Please be advised that CPD does not track data in "Complaint for Search" documents, and thus the Department has no responsive records for your request.

For your information, attached please find a copy of a "Complaint for Search" court document produced for another FOIA request. Please note that the redactions pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1) include the name of subject of the warrant because no arrest was made.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782-1396, E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us). A Request for Review must be filed within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter, and include a copy of the original FOIA request and the denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Please contact me at 312-745-5308 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

*G. Rubenstein*, FOIA Officer

Chicago Police Department  
Office of Legal Affairs - Unit 114  
3510 S. Michigan Ave.  
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**COMPLAINT FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

P.O. Niemoth #17958, Chicago Police Department, 003<sup>rd</sup> District, Complainant now appears before the undersigned judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and requests the issuance of a search warrant to search:

[REDACTED] IR# [REDACTED], also known as '[REDACTED]," a male black, [REDACTED] years old,

and the premises;

61 ■ S Vernon Ave, [REDACTED] apartment of a red brick 3-story multi-unit building, located in City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

and seize the following instruments, articles and things:

Heroin, to wit a controlled substance, any paraphernalia used in the weighing, cutting or mixing of illegal drugs, and any money and records detailing illegal drug transactions. Any documents or evidence pertaining to residency.

which have been used in the commission of, or which constitute evidence of the offense of;

720 ILC 570/491 Manufacture/Delivery Heroin

**Complainant says that she has probable cause to believe, based upon the following facts, that the above listed things to be seized are now located upon the person and premises set forth above:**

I, Officer S. Niemeth #17958, have been a Chicago Police Officer for more than 1 year and am currently assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 3<sup>rd</sup> watch Mission Team. I, Officer S. Niemeth #17958, have participated in numerous narcotic related arrests and Search Warrants. I, Officer S. Niemeth #17958, on [REDACTED], met with an individual who for safety and anonymity will be referred to as J. Doe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

5:33pm 2/11/1997 COMPLAINANT

JUDGE

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**COURT BRANCH**

**COURT DATE**

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

(3-81) CCMC-1-219

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK

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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

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J. Doe stated that J. Doe knows the contents of the bags that J. Doe received from " [REDACTED]" to be heroin because J. Doe [REDACTED] is familiar with the color and consistency of the Heroin as well as the methods of packaging it. J. Doe further related that J. Doe has purchased heroin from " [REDACTED]" at 61 [REDACTED] S Vernon Ave, several times over the last couple months [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED], I, Officer S. Niemoth #17958 then, accompanied by J. Doe, went to the address of 61 [REDACTED] S Vernon Ave where J. Doe pointed to the [REDACTED] apartment of a red brick multi-unit building and identified it as the location J. Doe purchased the Heroin from on 04AUG19. Officer S. Niemoth #17958 observed 61 [REDACTED]-61 [REDACTED] clearly visible on the front of the building and determined 61 [REDACTED] to be the address of the [REDACTED] apartments. I, Officer S. Niemoth #17958, then conducted an ICLEAR search for "[REDACTED]" and located [REDACTED] IR # [REDACTED] fitting the nickname and physical description provided by J. Doe. J. Doe was then shown an ICLEAR photo of [REDACTED] IR# [REDACTED] and positively identified [REDACTED] IR# [REDACTED] as the "[REDACTED]" who J. Doe purchased heroin from on [REDACTED]

Based upon the above stated facts, I, Officer S. Niemeth #17958, believe that probable cause does exist to conduct a search of [REDACTED] IR# [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], a male black [REDACTED] years old, [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] apartment of the red brick 3-story multi-unit building located at 61 [REDACTED] S Vernon Ave, located in City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

J. Doe was brought before the undersigned judge, sworn to the contents of this complaint and made available for questioning. J. Doe's criminal history, including possible pending investigations if any, has been presented and made available to the undersigned judge.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

**COMPLAINANT**

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Judge's Note

454 *Debra Chamberlain*